Can I still pay my total bill monthly?
Yes, you may include payment of your current energy charges along with payment for non-energy charges each month if that is your preference; payments will be reflected as credits on your statement. In fact, some customers prefer to make periodic payments of their energy charges to avoid a single large payment at the end of their relevant period.

Why does my billing have to change?
SCE is following California state law making the process of meter remeasurement simple and straightforward as possible. Under the California Public Utilities Commission’s (CPUC) new regulations, customers are required to be paid “the difference” between the number of kilowatt hours (kWh) you used, for example, to offset non-energy related charges such as monthly fees, or city and county taxes. These non-energy charges are required to be paid each month.

Does SCE pay me money for the excess energy I produce?
No. SCE follows the laws governing the payment of excess generation overuse. Excess generation overuse will be credited to your account at the same rate you would normally be charged had you purchased the energy from SCE. Net Energy Metering does not allow you to sell power back to SCE or into California’s wholesale electricity market.

Can I participate in the Summer Discount Plan?
Yes, you will likely receive a special meter rate that bills the usage of your electricity by “cycling off” your air conditioner during periods of high demand. If your solar system is used to offset most of your electricity use or if you normally generate excess electricity each month, your generating system has already been credited by SCE in the amount of energy you produce, for a monthly credit equal to the on-peak rate. The “cycling off” rate may help you avoid being charged the higher on-peak rate, so be sure you are able to shift most of your usage to off-peak hours.

Frequently Asked Questions (continued)
When can I switch to Net Energy Metering?
SCE customers who produce their own power are eligible for a special meter and billing plan called Net Energy Metering. As long as you are using SCE as your provider, you may sign up for Net Energy Metering at any time. Customers who use a provider other than SCE for the purchase of their electricity must contact their electric service provider (ESP) to confirm their eligibility for Net Energy Metering. If you are eligible, your ESP will sign up for Net Energy Metering for you. If not, your ESP will contact you.

Here’s How NEM Works
With a solar account, an electric meter spins forward and backwards as it measures the net amount of kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity each month, your generating system is already producing more energy than you use. You can be credited the higher on-peak rate, so be sure you are able to shift most of your usage to off-peak hours.

Frequently Asked Questions
What charges will be offset by my "net generation credit"?
If you generate more electricity than you use during a particular month, you will receive 100% energy "credits" (and credits) you differently depending on the time of day. SCE is following California state law making the process of meter remeasurement simple and straightforward as possible. Under the California Public Utilities Commission’s (CPUC) new regulations, customers are required to be paid “the difference” between the number of kilowatt hours (kWh) you used, for example, to offset non-energy related charges such as monthly fees, or city and county taxes. These non-energy charges are required to be paid each month.

How does SCE calculate the dollar amount of my net generation credit?
First, we start with the excess amount of energy you generate overuse for the month, which is the difference between the number of kilowatt hours (kWh) you used and the number of kilowatt hours (kWh) you generated. Then, we multiply this difference by the on-peak rate to determine the credit you will receive. Because the price you are paid for the energy you produce is the same as the price you pay for the equivalent energy you purchase, the credit you receive is equal to the cost of the energy that your system has generated.

Can I carry over excess energy credits to my next 12-Month Relevant Period?
SCE will give you credit for the reduction. However, if you use energy during on-peak hours, you will be charged the higher on-peak rate, so be sure you are able to shift most of your usage to off-peak hours.

If you choose to be placed on a Domestic NEM Time-of-Use (TOU) rate, you may need to install a special meter capable of measuring the flow of electricity into and out of your meter. For more information regarding this rate, please call us at the contact number listed at the end of this sheet.

Additional Rate Options
As a solar customer, you also have the option to be placed on a Domestic NEM Time-of-Use (TOU) rate, which bills you for energy generation and use at different rates, depending on the time of day. For example, energy you use during on-peak hours will be billed at a higher rate than energy you use during off-peak hours. It may help to save these rates in this way as you begin to balance your use of peak and off-peak solar generation on your home or facility.

Why is my relevant period?
Your first relevant period begins immediately after you transfer to NEM billing, and the subsequent relevant periods begin on the anniversary date of that month. Your relevant period is the period that determines how long you will receive the credit for the energy you have generated. Your relevant period is called your “rerelevant period” and may be 12 months or any other time period that you determine will best suit your needs.

Can I be charged a late payment charge?
Yes, if you overlook a payment of your monthly non-energy charges, a late payment charge of 0.9% will be applied to the total unpaid balance on the account. The late payment charge is applied in accordance with SCE tariff 5.

For all NEM questions, please contact SCE’s Net Energy Metering support center directly at 1-866-797-7082.
Understanding Your Domestic Energy Bill for Solar Customers

How Energy Charges will be Displayed

If your system offsets most, but not all of your electricity needs, the energy supplied by SCE will be charged under your standard rate schedule. Charges are displayed in the following line items found on page 4 of your bill.

- Your previous month tracked energy charge total: $420.34

This amount tells you your total energy charges for the current billing period. If you have excess energy usage credits, any excess energy usage credits will carry over to your next billing period. Your next meter read will be on or about Aug 29 '06.

How How Energy Credits will be Displayed

Regardless of whether you have accrued any energy charges in a given month, your bill will still include SCE's customer charges and any applicable taxes and fees on your monthly base energy charges will appear in the following section of your bill.

Details of your non-energy-related charges

These administrative charges must be paid monthly.

1. Your account summary

This displays the previous month's non-energy charges and any previous payments you made toward those charges. Note that any previous payments made toward your energy charges will not be reflected here.

2. Total amount you owe by date

This shows the amount due and the date by which you should pay your bill to avoid a late fee.

3. Details of your new charges

This section reflects the Non-Energy related charges which are due and payable monthly. Your NEM customers on Annual Billing…

4. Details of your non-energy-related charges

This amount tells you your Energy Charge Total for the current billing period.

11. Energy Charge Total

This amount gives you your Energy Charge Total for this billing period. Energy charges and credits are calculated monthly based on your particular SCE rate. This data is displayed for informational purposes only. As an NEM customer on Annual Billing, you are only required to pay energy related charges at the end of your 12-month period. If you would like to receive your current energy charges in your monthly payment, please feel free to do so; payments will be reflected as credits on your next statement.

12. Things you should know/Currcient Tier Usage

Important information for your next statement.

If you are “net consuming” in any given month, your Current Tier Usage will still appear on your statement indicating the tier in which your usage falls. This graph will help you better understand how your usage charges are calculated. For help with understanding SCE’s tiered billing structure, visit www.sce.com/tiers.